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In this photo by *Times* photographer Darren Lum, a firefighter is silhouetted against the orange glow created by the fire at a storage shed behind Minden Home Hardware last Monday night. Thanks to the hard work of firefighters from Minden and Dysart et

al, the fire was not allowed to spread to the main store, which was open for business on Tuesday. Police say the origins of the fire are "suspicious" and have sent debris away for analysis. There are more photos and stories on pages 3, 14 and 15.

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Darren Lum/TIMES



Whitby man to pay \$8,000 for damaging fish habitat

A Whitby man must pay \$8,000 to rehabilitate lake habitat he damaged while trying to block public access to Crown land.

Alberto Simoes, 43, has pleaded guilty to mischief under the Criminal Code of Canada. He pulled large tree stumps out of Mississauga Lake in August 2001 and placed them on Crown land access road to impede public traffic to an access point adjacent to his property.

Materials such as stumps provide shelter for many fish species and form an important part of their habitat. As part of a pre-trial resolution, Simoes has been directed to pay \$8,000 for a contractor to be hired to rehabilitate the lake damage. The stumps will also be returned to the lake this spring.

In addition, Simoes has been placed on two years pro-

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After the fire:

Minden Hills' water department replenishes its reserves while roads crews clean up the damage from ice

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Alarm bells were ringing at the water and wastewater station February 10 but taps weren't even close to running dry in Minden after a fire at Home Hardware put the local water system to the test.

Grant Hutchinson, a firefighter with the Minden fire department, estimates that during the early part of the fire, the firefighters were using about 11,370 litres or 11.35 cubic metres (2,500 gallons) of water a minute to douse the flames which set the storage building alight.



Fire Chief
Doug Schell

"We were using a lot of water," Hutchinson said, estimating that in total the fire department used in excess of 4,546,000 litres or 4,546 cubic metres (one million gallons) of water. It is the equivalent of about 12 average-sized swimming pools.

Firefighters started saturating the building with water at about 8:30 p.m. and used high doses of water for seven hours straight, Hutchinson said.

The greatest volume of water was used earlier in the night. Then, as firefighters gained control of the fire, fewer hoses were used on the flames and subsequently less water was used.

"We had seven or eight hoses on the fire and about 30 firefighters at the beginning of the night," Fire Chief Doug Schell says.

Members of the Dysart Fire Department, who worked with the Minden Fire Department at the scene, left around midnight, Schell says, which reduced the amount of water being used.

While firefighting was happening on Main Street, alarms were ringing at the Minden water plant.

The alarms, which went off shortly before 10 p.m., indicated that water levels were low at the plant and that the amount of water in the reservoir was significantly low, said Don Ross, an operations manager at the Ontario Clean Water Agency. OCWA oversees the water and waste-

water system in Minden.

"Water was at a low level but it wasn't in any way critically low," Ross said. "The low water levels wouldn't have been noticeable in people's homes at all. Everything worked as it was supposed to."

Once the alarms sounded, Gary Freeland, OCWA's senior operator, was paged by the alarm company and shortly thereafter he arrived at the plant to monitor the water levels for the rest of the night.

The water plant has a reservoir that holds the equivalent of 30 swimming pools or about 1.2 million litres or 1,290 cubic metres of water. It was this reservoir that was starting to get low, Ross said, but the plant was just able to keep up with the demand.

The self-sufficient system can activate pumps to start moving once water pressure drops to a certain level. Overnight on a regular day, after meeting the morning and early evening demands of Minden residents, the water system starts pumping water from the wells for the next day.

"If the town doesn't use the water during the day, it goes to the reservoir and will shut off after it reaches a certain level," Ross said.

Ross says that Hutchinson's numbers might be a little high. Since he works out of Bobcaygeon he couldn't provide *The Times* with accurate usage numbers for Monday night, but he says that if 11,370 litres of water were used consistently throughout the night the system wouldn't be able to keep up.

"The water plant can put out 22.6 litres per second," Ross says. The system supplies more than enough water for the town's 2,300 users. "The system was designed with firefighting in mind."

Hutchinson agrees that his estimates might be a little high, but says the firefighters were using at least that much water at the outset of the fire.

Schell says that he keeps water sources in the back of his mind, but that on Monday night water usage was the last thing on his mind.

As a backup, Schell says the department could've gone to the Gull River to fill up with water.

"We had all the water we needed," Schell said. "It all worked out."

This was the biggest fire the Minden Fire Department has had to deal with since the Westside Jug City fire on Valentine's Day of 1994.



With estimates of four and a half million litres of water being poured on the fire and the -34° temperatures last Monday night, a huge build-up of ice was created near Home Hardware. Minden Hills has been coping well with the after-effects of the fire.

Ice creates havoc on roads, in buildings

by ALLISON TAYLOR & JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

As the water drained the reserves at the water plant and flooded Main Street, the Minden Hills Road crew was called into action with another element to consider - ice.

Temperatures Monday night reached as low as -34° Celsius and the low temperatures combined with the water used to douse the flames suddenly created another problem.

Minden Hills Road Superintendent Kevin Hill says the water runoff from the fire created about three or four inches of ice on the Main Street, turning parts of it into an ice rink.

Portions of the street were closed off to traffic for part of the night, Hill says.

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cleaned up most of the ice. "The grader grinds the ice right up," Hill says.

On Thursday and Friday last week the road crew was still chipping away at some of the ice that built up on the driveways off Main Street.

Icy roads weren't the only fall-out the excessive water floating down the street. Sue Hewson of Highlands Plumbing on Main Street said the store suffered some water damage. A small river of water from the fire ran down the street and some of it found its way into the plumbing outlet a block away from the fire.

"We had about an inch and a half of water on the floor," Hewson said. "We had to replace the carpet and some dry-wall. We haven't determined yet what furniture will have to be replaced."

Hewson said the storm sewer in the parking lot didn't take the water away.

FIRE STORY AND PHOTOS ON PAGES 14 & 15

Stray cat turns out to be a real sweetheart

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The sweetness and warm-fuzzy feelings associated with Valentine's Day started late last year for the McMurray family.

It was just before Christmas when a stray white cat, with unique black markings, wandered onto the McMurrays' property on Blairhampton Road.

The two girls, 16-year-old Kaitlyn and her 14-year-old sister Bethany, were walking the family's two dogs down the road from their house when the apprehensive stray was frightened up a tree by the entourage.

All the excitement from the barking dogs didn't seem to discourage the independent and hungry cat from investigating the area further. She eventually worked up the courage to get closer and closer to the family home.

Gloria McMurray, the mother of the house, says she started leaving food outside for the white cat.

"It was Christmas time," Kaitlyn says, "it's a time of love and good will. So I had to start feeding her."

Little did the McMurrays know that the stray cat was a Cupid in disguise. The cat has two matching heart-shaped markings on either side of its abdomen.

"We didn't notice the hearts right away," Bethany says while petting the cat's fur. "She never let us get very close at first."

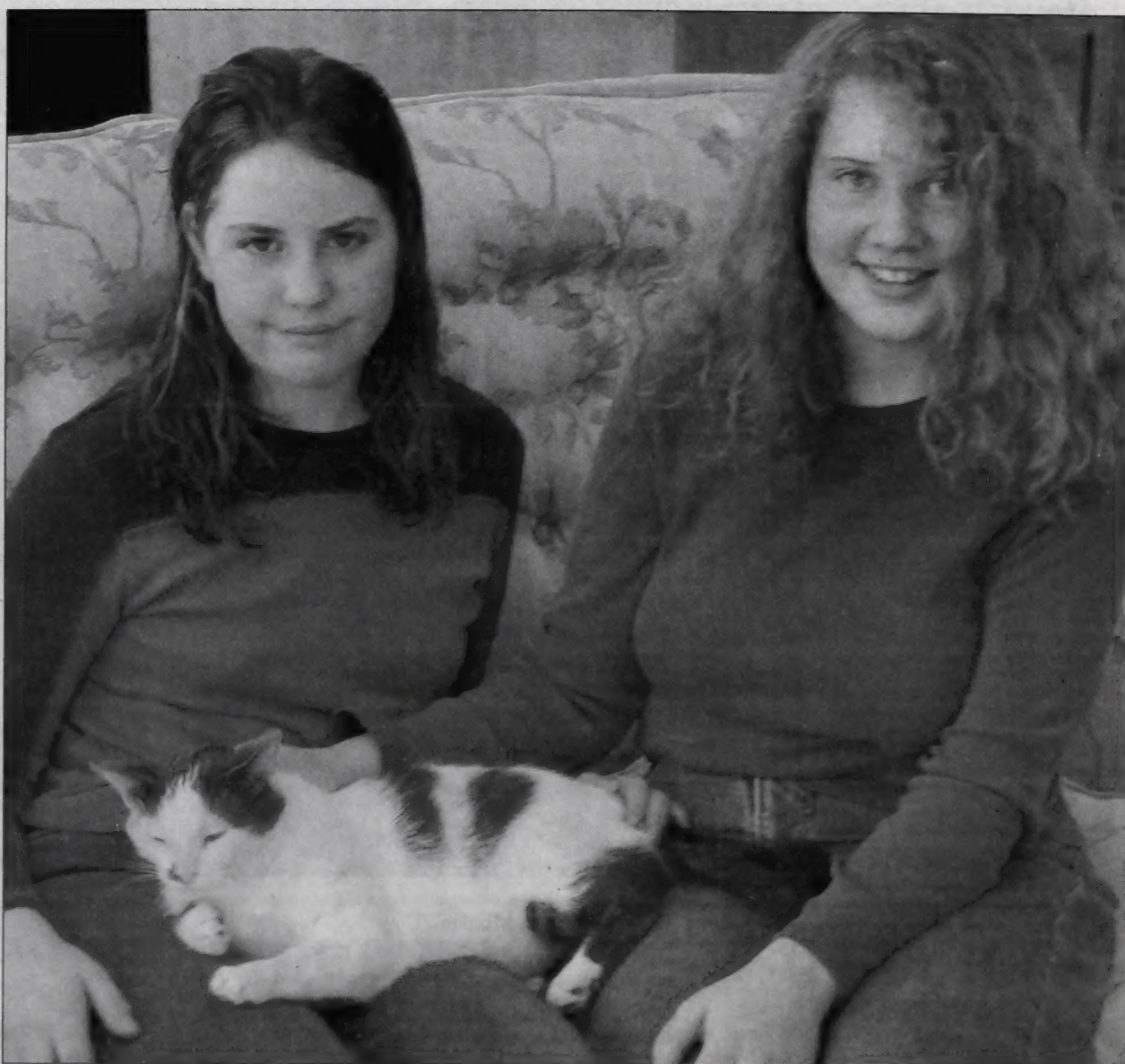
"She was skittish at first but now she's used to us," Gloria says. "She's an extremely affectionate cat. Her personality and character seem to match her markings."

So, the family adopted the cat - or as Bethany says, "she adopted us," and they named her Sweetheart.

Sweetness seems to run in the McMurray family.

The family is full of warmth and friendliness and they make sure to share their positive energy with the four,

Allison Taylor/TIMES



now five animals in their lives.

Alexander, Honey, Graham and Belle are the four pets that occupied the family home before Sweetheart arrived on the scene last year.

"It's a sweet ring to it," Gloria says of the unique names given to the pets. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, which rings - and the addition of Honey, the dog, made the team sweet, hence the term 'sweet ring'.

"We didn't know how to fit Sweetheart in," Gloria says as the cat walks by at her feet. "She was a sweetheart of her own."



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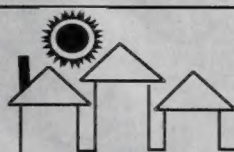
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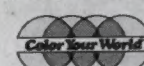
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Road allowance sales under debate

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 13 meeting of Minden Hills Committee-of-the-Whole. All issues still need to be ratified by Minden Hills Council.

Council is divided on whether to pass a bylaw disallowing the closure and sale of road allowances leading to water, or if it should judge each case on an individual basis.

Councillor Ingram Wessell led the charge of having a solid bylaw that doesn't allow the sale of road allowances that lead to water.

"We all have reasons but sometimes council says yes and sometimes it says no to others," Wessell said. "I don't think there should be any exceptions."

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon says the proposed bylaw should consider each road closure application individually.

"We should take each on its own merit. If it's no use to the municipality whatsoever why wouldn't we sell it."

One example is when the terrain is not

navigatable, McMahon said. Wessell disagreed, saying that "there isn't a road allowance anywhere in this municipality that isn't accessible one way or another."

"Twenty years from now we will need every one of those access points to water," Wessell said.

Councillor Peter Oyler said the proposed bylaw should have a section that ensures the public has access to water and he said he wants consideration to be given to the number of access points to water.

"That's why the policy is here and I fear that we will shut off all accesses to bodies of water," Oyler said, adding that the bylaw should guarantee that X-number of accesses to water are available in the township. He also said that he wasn't convinced if he agreed with either McMahon or Wessell.

One of the issues facing the township was how the bylaw would define a body of water.

The Committee-of-the-Whole decided to defer the bylaw until the planners were available to answer questions.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Minden Hills

Disabled parking spaces

Disabled people with parking permits might find it a little easier to park in Minden Hills once council passes a bylaw.

The bylaw, required under the new Ontario Disability Act, will create disabled parking spaces on highways and municipal property. It will also create special exemptions for drivers and operators of vehicles displaying a disabled persons parking permit, and will also enforce that parking restrictions are followed by the general public.

A fine for parking in a disabled parking spot without a proper permit could be as high as \$300. The township is discussing the possibility of posting signs, highlighting the fine fees for people who misuse disabled parking spaces, and hasn't decided if warnings should be given for first-time offenders.

Oyler says there shouldn't be any warnings once the bylaw is passed, and that fines should be given.

The draft bylaw appeared before the committee-of-the-whole, but has not been ratified by council yet.

Salt/sand usage

There should be enough salt and sand to get the township through the winter, says the Roads Superintendent Kevin Hill.

Oyler asked Hill how the salt and sand storage levels were in the township. Hill said there should be enough.

"It's tight, but we'll be alright," Hill said. "We should be right on line."

Thanks for firefighters

Oyler recommended the township pass an official motion to show its support for the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the Minden Fire Department last week during the Minden Home Hardware fire.

The resolution will also show thanks to the Dysart Fire Department.

"You guys have done a great job," Rigney said to Fire Chief Doug Schell. "You've proven that you are a great fire department."

Parkinson's support group needs members

The Minden Times would like to inform readers interested in learning more about a new Parkinson's support group to telephone Beth Archibald, a public health nurse at the Haliburton hospital at 457-1392 ext. 249. Archibald is working towards organizing and facilitating the new group and is trying to gauge how much interest there is in the community for this initiative.

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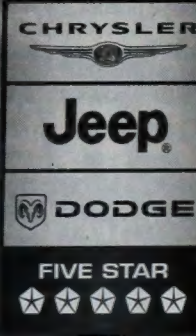
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Anger Begets a terrific play

On Mon., Feb. 24 at the Northern Lights Pavilion, the high school's Red Hawk Theatre is giving local audiences a sneak preview of its production of *Anger Begets*, which it's entering in the Sears Drama Festival. The play is about a highly emotional subject yet the students give it both passion and energy, resulting in a highly entertaining evening. Kate Foulds, above, plays a Jewish stand-up comedian. She befriends a young

lawyer, Amanda Boughner, not knowing that her new friend is the granddaughter of a man accused of killing hundreds of people as a guard in a concentration camp during World War II. Vanessa Smith is a friend caught between the two women. Part of the one-act play is set in a bar. Bassist Cedric Butz and saxophonist Iain Farrell wrote and play original music. The play starts at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

CANOE FM almost ready to test the waters

There might be a couple of feet of ice on the lakes right now but have no fear – it will soon be CANOE weather.

In the next few months, CANOE FM will be paddling into the county's radio waves.

Last week, the CRTC finally granted the new community radio station its licence, clearing one of the last major hurdles before the station can go to air.

There's still another \$40,000 to raise to get the programs from the announcer's booth at the Haliburton station out to Highlands homes and cars, but organizers are confident that they'll be up and running by summer.

"If we don't raise \$40,000 we can still get on the air but it would be pretty basic," says Dave Sovereign who's been putting his broadcasting experience to work for the

station ever since his friend Don Cameron suggested that they should start one.

They've already raised \$60,000 which has paid for the equipment and furniture at the radio station's office across from the Haliburton area.

The remaining money is for the antenna, transmitter and the system to get the signal from the station to the tower at Eagle Lake.

"We're hoping people come together no because it's their station," says the station's Jack Hewitt.

Several fundraising events have been planned and the station is also appealing to outside sources for assistance.

The CRTC notes that as a community radio station, it will offer 126 hours of programming each week, with a

restricted amount of advertising.

The shows will be produced by volunteers, many of whom have already started practising on the station's equipment. (The station has 2,200 songs on file but wants a library of 10,000 tunes.)

There will be live coverage of community events, sporting events, weather reports, local and regional news (including a Friday night report on cottage commuting by emergency services manager Bob English) and tourist information including ski conditions and boating reports.

Unlike other radio stations, CANOE FM should be able to reach almost every home in the Highlands despite the hilly terrain. They're using an Omni antenna which releases the single in a circular pattern.

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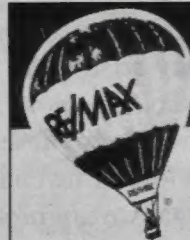
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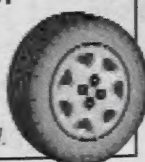
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Firefighters rise to the challenge

The Home Hardware fire illustrates how important it is to have volunteer firefighters who are trained and capable of tackling whatever emergency they might be summoned to combat.

We heard nothing but praise for the firefighters who worked through the night to extinguish a blaze which could have consumed the store as well as the storage building. Everyone was impressed with the way firefighters attacked the fire in an organized, effective way. Ontario Provincial Police and Emergency Medical Services officials commented on the teamwork that was evident. The Minden and Dysart fire departments worked side by side as though they do it all the time. And the Stanhope Fire Department was on standby to cover both Haliburton and Minden while their counterparts were engaged in the Home Hardware fire.

On the surface, they are ordinary people, just like you and me. But it takes something above the ordinary to make the commitment associated with a small community fire department.

They dedicate some of their time, not knowing when they will be called or what they will be doing when the pager signals the need for their skills. They could be celebrating a young child's birthday and it may not be easy to explain to the youngster why a parent has to leave in the middle of the festivities.

And they never know what type of challenges they will face. The bitter cold temperatures last Monday night and Tuesday morning added to the challenge of extinguishing a difficult fire. Regulators on air packs froze. But the difficulties were overcome and the battle was won. The most important thing is that nobody was injured.

Volunteer firefighters make a commitment to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's not the type of commitment where you go if you feel like it or if you aren't busy. They undergo constant training and regular practice to hone their skills.

And let's not forget the employers who are willing to sacrifice their employees' time when an emergency arises. An employee off the job in a big business is of little consequence, but most firefighters in Haliburton County work for small businesses where the absence of a single employee, even for a few hours translates to a loss of revenue. But it is the price they are willing to pay for the security that we are protected – a comfort factor. In many cases, other employees take up the slack when a co-worker is called to assist with an emergency. They do so with the knowledge that it could be their house or the home of a loved one, friend or neighbour, the co-worker is called to help save.

The joint meetings between fire, police and ambulance personnel must be having a positive impact considering the fact that the different emergency service providers work so well together.

Those of us who choose to live in small communities are fortunate to have friends who make that commitment. Not everyone is willing or capable.

The efforts of our firefighters are appreciated, but we may not express our appreciation as often as we should. So, on behalf of all of us who rely on your expertise and dedication for the protection of our homes, businesses and our personal safety. Thanks for a job well done.

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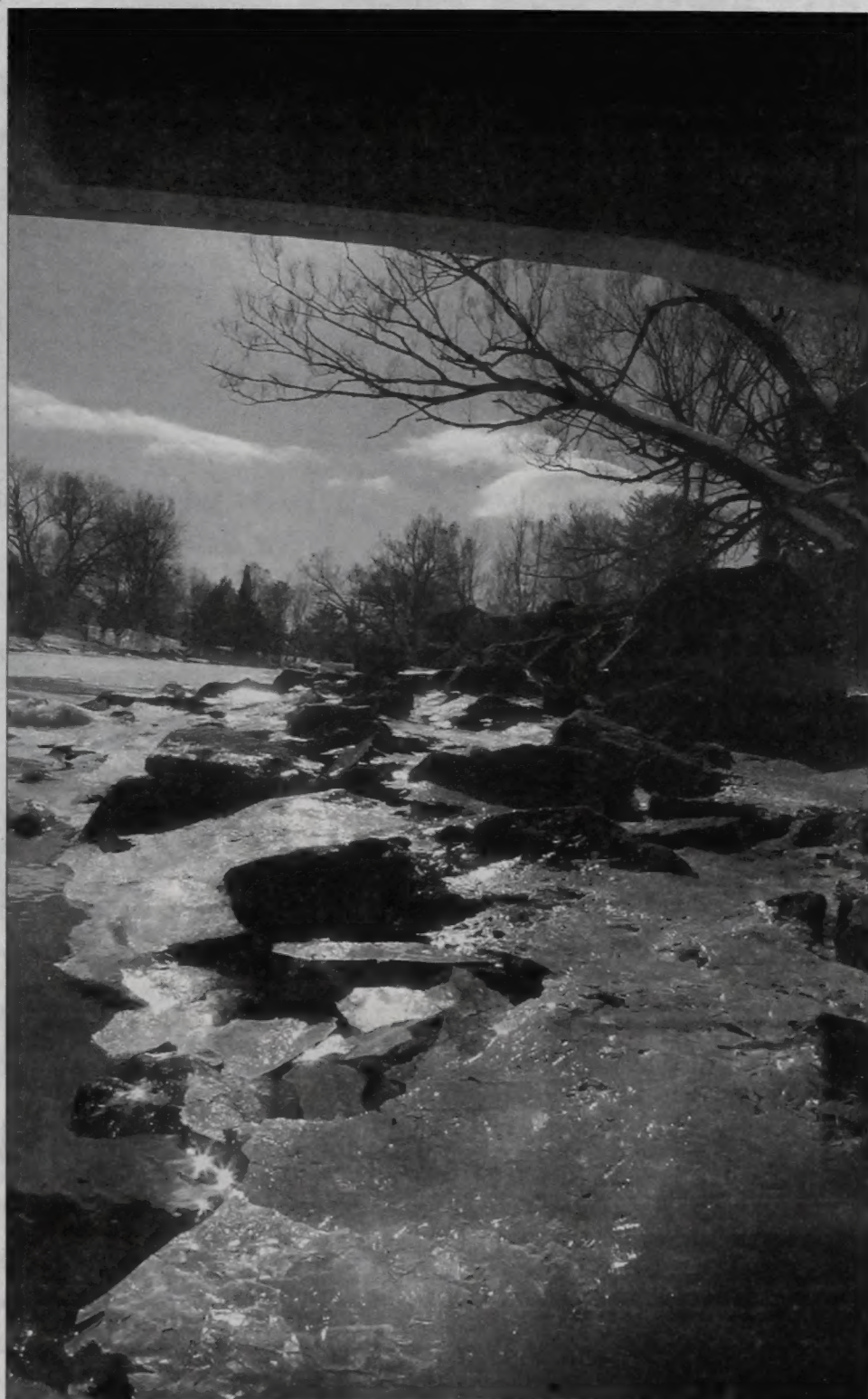
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Beware of intersection at Highway 503 & 507

To the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I were returning to Haliburton from Peterborough. We were involved in a serious accident with a transport truck when we slid through the stop sign at Gooderham. I have since spoken with several people who have had a similar experience. The ambulance driver who drove my wife and myself to hospital told us that he has been called to this intersection many times.

I believe this is a dangerous intersection and thus I am writing this letter in the

hope that anyone who travels this route regularly, and/or anyone who has had an accident in the past at this intersection, would be kind enough to send a letter to John Payne, Box 120, Eagle Lake, Ontario, K0M 1M0, describing their own experiences.

Something needs to be done to correct the situation before someone dies.

Thank you for caring.

John Payne
Eagle Lake

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Counting Sheep

If you are one of those people who count sheep at bedtime, I'd advise you not to count cloned ones. Scientists are discovering that they don't seem to last.

Dolly, the world's oldest and most famous cloned sheep, was put down last Friday after several of her vital organs began to fail. Unfortunately, nobody thought to clone any spare parts.

Although she had only attained half the life expectancy of her breed, that wonderful animal crammed a lot of living into her six years. She grazed with the best of them, mated, and she even gave birth to several little lambs in an effort to emulate her childhood hero, Mary. By all accounts, she looked pretty good in a sweater too.

They say that Dolly was Scotland's pride and joy, which only tells you that there's not a whole lot happening over there. Then again, until her birth, cloning sheep was literally un-herd of.

Born on July 5, 1996, the humble progeny of a working class test tube and

Petrie dish, she immediately became a world-wide sensation, making the cover of several international knitting magazines. Soon after, agricultural scientists began looking for ways to clone hip waders too. Some speculate that this contributed to Dolly's nervous nature and perhaps even to her premature demise. Others say that the constant bagpipe music was to blame.

Throughout her short life she was plagued by an inexplicable phobia of old ladies with knitting needles too.

Even so, her brief existence had far-reaching effects. Because of her, researchers believed that human cloning would someday be possible, once they figured out a dignified way to shear people.

As sheep go, she was smart too. It is said that no one ever pulled the wool over her eyes. But it seems that her brains and

baah-auty were not enough.

Right from the beginning, researchers feared that Dolly might have been born prematurely old - something now referred to as the Maculay Caulkin Syndrome. Though the jury is not in, critics speculate that this proved to be her downfall. Observers began to notice symptoms of premature aging years ago when she started turning down the stereo volume and asked for help in programming the VCR. Last month, when she wore Bermuda shorts and knee-high white socks with sandals, everyone knew the end was near.

Despite this, Dolly's illness and untimely death came as a shock to the scientific community. Though her send off was a private affair, word is,

that she was laid to rest in a mint sauce and on a bed of long-grained rice with six

members of the research team attending. Rumor has it that she was cremated at 425 for about an hour.

Even in death, she is provoking thought. Scientists are now re-evaluating the practicality of cloning. Some wonder if creating life that has already used up half its warranty is the way to go. The state of Florida is particularly nervous about the ramifications of this research.

On a personal note, I wonder if it is for us to play God. And, if so, why wouldn't we play Norse Gods surrounded by tall, buxom blonde Viking women wearing horned helmets and gleaming breast plates? I mean, for Pete's sake, why sheep?

But perhaps I digress.

In the end, this innocent cloned animal was merely another experiment.

Whether the results will be used for good or evil, is still anyone's guess.

She was one of a kind, if such can be said of a clone. I'm not so sure myself. All I can say is rest in peace Dolly.

After all, there will never be another ewe.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Put on a happy face

The year 2003 is still a babe in swaddling clothes, but it already qualifies as an annus horribilis for B.C.'s premier, Gordon "One-for-the-road" Campbell. He's taken a lot of lumps for his high-octane bob and weave down that Maui highway - but one mistake he should be forgiven for is that goofy smile he wore in a couple of his police mug shots.

"I cannot bear it that our Premier had been arrested for drunk driving and he just stood there, laughing at the camera" sniped a Vancouver writer in a letter to the editor. C'mon, lady - that's not a what-the-hell smile on Campbell's face. That's a sickly leer. A weak grimace. A hand-in-the-cookie-jar, oops I stepped in the cowpoo smile.

Gordon Campbell may be an arrogant SOB in the rest of his life, but that is not an arrogant grin he's wearing in the photographs. That is a pathetic simper. A wheedling plea for mercy. Having put myself through a few ohmygawdwhatwasIthinking scenarios myself, I'd recognize it anywhere.

Strange critter, your garden variety smile. My dictionary defines it as "a change of facial expression involving an upward curving of the corners of the mouth" - but a smile is 'way more than that.

There's the Mona Lisa smile, enigmatic, inscrutable, almost not there; and there's the maniacal, thousand-megawatt leer that transformed the face of Jack Nicholson in *The Witches of Eastwick*.

There's the earnest, needy, nervous grin of sad sack salesman Willy Loman in *A Death of a Salesman* ("He's a man way out there in the blue, riding on a smile and a shoeshine."); and there's the wall-to-wall grin of toothy Carly Simon, displaying more ivory than a Steinway Grand.

There are a lot of portraits of George Washington including the one on the U.S. one-dollar bill - but you'll never see one that shows Washington smiling. Richard Nixon, on the other hand, was captured in a famous photo that showed him almost convulsing, mouth wide open, eyes bulging, tongue hanging out. The Nixon grin was so incongruous on the face of such a normally sullen man that for years, the magazine *Esquire* ran the

photo once a year, with the caption "Why Is This Man Laughing?"

There's something about leaders and smiles and the uneasy tension that lies between them. Winston Churchill said that Russian prime minister Molotov had

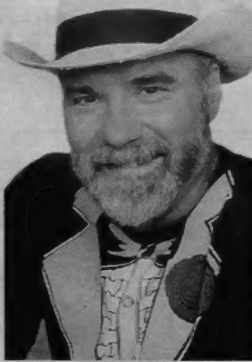
"a smile like a Siberian winter." French president Francois Mitterand described Margaret Thatcher as having "the eyes of Caligula and the lips of Marilyn Monroe."

The odd thing is, smiling for public consumption is a relatively recent social phenomenon. You don't see statues of Julius Caesar or Alexander the Great with big grins plastered across their pussies. For centuries, oil portraits of notable figures showed their subjects with serious, solemn visages.

Right up until 1787, when a French artist by the name of Louise Elizabeth Vigee-LeBrun painted a self-portrait that showed

her pleasantly smiling back at the world.

The world was scandalized. One critic of the time sniffed "An affectation which artists, art lovers and persons of taste



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Thanks to Minden hospital

To the Editor:

Re: the Minden hospital

Hopefully the old expression 'better late than never' still holds true.

So many thanks to Dr. Fiddler, nurses and staff for the excellent care I received September 30. At 1:15 a.m. I drove to emergency with what I thought was a bad case of indigestion.

I was immediately admitted and checked by

nurses and Dr. Fiddler. They determined I was having a heart attack. As I'd arrived within four hours after the heart attack they were able to administer a special drug which helped the attack ending up as a slight one. In closing my grateful appreciation and for the ongoing service produced by our hospital.

Margaret Foster
Hunter Creek Estates

A freezer full

To the Editor,

Just a note to point out a couple of things that Michael Jewett and Patrician LaCombe may not of considered (re: January 13 article 'Bear with us'). First of all, it's quite possible that Mr. Simmons filled his freezer with trophy-bear meat. It's also quite possible that his property was being besieged by what is called "nuisance bears." Some reasons other than "sport" for killing a bear.

Joy Mann
Carnarvon

see More Letters page 10

Article reflects bias *Bear was not wasted*

To the Editor:

I applaud the sentiment of the letter written by Michael Jewett in *The Times* January 27/03 (Ontario record bear story not appreciated by some readers). *The Times* has always displayed a pro-hunter bias from its "ethical hunter" articles (which were so out of synch with reality that they made me laugh out loud) to your editor's defence of the "right" to hunt. While I can appreciate the need to put food on one's table, too often this "need" is accomplished by taking 2 weeks off work without pay. Further I agree with Mr. Jewett that taking "trophy" animals for sport in a world of shrinking resources

can only ultimately harm to the humanity. Hunting for food as the resource may have some future in Ontario but stories about hunters disobeying the law, trophy hunting or accounts like the one this week of a deer authorities were trying to catch because it has an arrow through its neck and head will only serve to turn the population against the "sport" until such a time as hunters clean up their act.

N. Simpson
Stanhope and Goderich

To the Editor:

Contrary to some readers, I found the article about Fred Simmons' record bear interesting and informative. The nerve of people who oppose hunting, but happily consume animals for their own pleasure (cows, pigs, chickens).

There are those of us who prefer venison over beef, bear over pork. This is food of a quality and variety that cannot be purchased legally anywhere. The only source is a living wild animal. No one wastes the life-sustaining products of their

kills.

Taking an active part in conservation is also on the agenda of numerous hunters and the organizations they belong to, unlike the "hot-tub environmentalists" who would propose rural Ontario be turned into their personal zoo.

Hunting is a traditional and legitimate form of recreation. Mr. Simmons should be proud and he certainly has nothing to apologize for. The *Minden Times* should be congratulated for presenting an important part of rural Ontario heritage.

Ted Smith
Snowdon and Mississauga

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Ontario invites 2,000 young people to work on projects

Young people can gain valuable job experience and help protect Ontario's natural heritage through more than 2,000 natural resources jobs offered by the government.

"Our Youth Employment Program provides a valuable 'head start' to a new generation of resource managers and outdoor professionals in Ontario," said Natural Resources Minister Jerry Ouellette.

Young people will work on projects that enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and help gather information on fish and wildlife populations, species at risk and wildlife projects. There are also opportunities in Ontario Parks.

• Ontario Rangers: An eight-week summer job program for 17-year-old students, it allows young people to travel

to a different region of Ontario to work outdoors. Rangers work at park maintenance, fish and wildlife habitat restoration projects and data collection. Participants are required to stay at one of the ministry's 14 Ontario Ranger camps for the duration of their work term. The application deadline is March 28, 2003.

• Ontario Stewardship Rangers: Allows 17-year-olds to work in the natural resources field while living at home. Students gain experience by working on community-based resource projects such as wetland restoration with partners, including conservation authorities and stewardship councils. The application deadline is April 25, 2003.

• Co-op Program: Work periods ranging from 12 to 16

weeks to bridge the gap between education and work experience. Designed for post-secondary students enrolled in recognized co-operative education programs.

• Ontario/Quebec Exchange Program: A unique, 13-week exchange program for university students wishing to obtain work in natural resource management while experiencing a different cultural environment.

All MNR youth employment programs provide training, work experience in natural resources. More information on these programs is available by calling 1-800-667-1940 (1-800-667-1840 for French) or by visiting the following Web sites: <http://youth.mnr.gov.on.ca>, www.ontarioslivinglegacy.co-m, www.mnr.gov.on.ca.



Financially Speaking



The ABCs of RRSPs

A registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) is a key component of a sound financial plan, but many Canadians don't make regular contributions. If you have an RRSP - or are thinking about starting one - be sure you understand the ABCs of RRSPs.

Should you contribute to a spousal RRSP?

"Contributing to a spousal RRSP is a good idea if you want to shift income from the spouse with the higher potential retirement income to the spouse with the lower income," says Deborah Stern, CA, a partner with Soberman,

Isenbaum & Colomby LLP. "This is known as income-splitting and it can result in reduced taxes when retirement withdrawals are made."

Can you use your RRSP funds to buy a house or finance your education?

If neither you nor your spouse have owned a house in the past five years, each of you may be able to make tax-free withdrawals of up to \$20,000 each from your respective RRSPs to use as a down payment for a new home. "Under the Home Buyers' Plan, your first repayment must be made

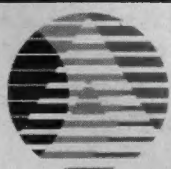
in the second year following the year in which withdrawals are made," says Rory O'Neill, a Chartered Accountant with McCarney Greenwood LLP. "The maximum repayment period is 15 years, and you are required to include in your income any scheduled repayments you don't make."

Under the Lifelong Learning Plan, you can withdraw up to \$10,000 a year - to a maximum of \$20,000 over four years - to finance eligible education and training. "RRSP contributions may remain on deposit for at least 90 days before being withdrawn to help fund post-secondary education or full-time training programs," says Stern. "To avoid taxation on the withdrawals, you must repay the funds to your RRSP in equal installments over 10 years."

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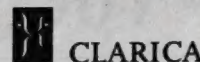
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by KERRY RILEY
Special to The Times

Singer fleshes out the ache of love in her new CD and Carnarvon concert stop

Stylistically speaking, she exists somewhere near the intersection of Sylvia Tyson and Jane Siberry. One hears, in her songs, echoes of a Sixties folk sensibility, shaped and coloured by jazz and Latin influences, infused with musical and lyric wit and sophistication, and in her voice, a tough-as-nails vulnerability which is hard to resist.

She's Heather McLeod, daughter of Minden residents Fay Martin and Michael Fay, and based on the content of her recently released c/d *Bones* (and if there's any justice in this world) she'll be a big name in folk music soon.

Local audiences will be able to say "I knew her when" after a special concert in Carnarvon on February 22.

Already a presence on the Canadian folk scene, McLeod is also a radio journalist, and her assignments are heard regularly on the CBC. She has produced two other albums of original work in the past, *Funny Thing* (in 1997) which explored childhood memories, and the Latin-flavoured *Graffiti Love Song*, in which she collaborated with salsa legend Joe Armado.

Bones, a collection of 14 new and original songs, mines her own Canadian roots for inspiration and seems ideally designed to showcase McLeod's considerable versatility both as a songwriter and performer. From the straight-ahead, foot-tapping, country-folk rhythms of "Entwined" and "Long Ago Love," to the sweet anguish of "Basket of Roses," and sultry silkiness of "Blue Nude," we hear a confident and accomplished vocalist in complete possession of her material.

While her sometimes hauntingly enigmatic lyrics are far too intelligent and poetic to be limited to one interpretation, one can infer from them that the "bones" of the title, are, quite literally, the elements of the human skeleton. As the structural framework around which our flesh and blood is organized, the thing that gives us shape, the skeleton works as a metaphor for our essential beings, our selves at both our strongest, and most exposed. Love, of course, that formative life experience which demands the most of us in terms of strength and exposure, figures

prominently and in this particular arena, McLeod's thematic range is broad. The ache of old love, the giddiness of new love, the dangers, consequences, hopes, pains and sorrows of love — all are explored with both musical and emotional honesty and subtlety.

McLeod possesses a degree in music composition and theory, and this is evident in her intricately-crafted arrangements ably presented by a band delightfully in tune with her musical sensibilities. The addition of saxophone, flugelhorn and trumpet in various numbers attest to her jazz and Latin influences, while, more whimsically, the credits for "furnace and sewer grate" reveal a cheeky willingness to seek out the necessary soundscapes, wherever they may reside. (The results, it should be noted, are never less than musical.)

It is McLeod's voice, however, which truly sets her work apart. Crystal clear, with its own unique and unmistakable timbre, and remarkable agility, it swoops and

darts from steely-edged strength to hollow hurt, from heartbreaking vulnerability to joyful excitement, with no apparent effort. Beyond discipline, technique and considerable power (all of which she possesses in abundance) McLeod's voice delivers an intelligent and nuanced response to the internal needs of the music, every syllable a musical opportunity. It's a rare gift, hard to define precisely, but instantly recognizable — that extra something that grabs your ears and makes you listen.

Luckily, folk music fans in Haliburton County will have a chance to listen soon — Heather McLeod, in association with the Haliburton County Folk Society, will be appearing one night only, February 22 at The Hair Lounge, in Carnarvon, the site of the regular Open Stage events. The evening will begin at 8:00 pm, admission a \$10 donation to the artist at the door. For further information call 705 489 3311. Visit, as well, Heather McLeod's website at <http://www.heathermcLeod.com>

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Although only 22 feet separates the storage shed from the main building at Minden Home Hardware, firefighters were able to protect the store from damage. It was both cold and hot work. Heat from the flames, which lit the night sky like a massive bonfire, was intense but once you stepped a few metres away, you were hit by the blast of Arctic air. Temperatures fell from -23° to -34° as the night progressed.

After a long night fighting the fire, Minden Hills firefighters also spent much of Tuesday pouring water on the embers and helping with the clean-up, below right.

Photos by
Darren Lum



Investigators say Home Hardware fire is suspicious

by JERY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has labelled the fire that destroyed a storage building and its contents at Minden Home Hardware as "suspicious."

Material evidence was collected at the

scene and sent to the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto for analysis.

The investigation has been turned over to the OPP's City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County Crime Unit. Results from the Centre of Forensic Science analysis could take several weeks to complete.

Local fire departments have been praised for their quick response and determination to limit the damage to the storage building and save the main store.

Don Schlosser is an employee at Home Hardware. He and a friend were working on Schlosser's ice racing car in the main building when someone knocked on the

front door of the store at about 8:20 p.m. and alerted the cleaners that there was a fire in the building behind the store. Schlosser, who is a member of the Minden Volunteer Fire Department, put the Home Hardware emergency fire equipment into service even before the

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Firefighters 'did an amazing job'

from page 14

fire department arrived on the scene.

Minden OPP Staff-Sergeant Bob Walli, who was on his way home from a meeting, saw the flames and stopped to help. Walli took one of the two hoses and directed water at the fire until the Minden Fire Department arrived on the scene a few minutes later.

The outside temperature was frigid and Walli was not dressed for the situation. "I was glad to turn the hose over to Doug Schell and his men," Walli said.

"The guys did an amazing job," Schlosser said. "There was only 22 feet between the buildings and the flames were way over the store. [The firefighters] held their ground no matter what the heat. They kept spraying water and finally won."

Walli also commended the firefighters for their work. "They did a great job of containing it to the one building."

Phil Graham, Minden's resident weather recorder, said the temperature at 8 p.m. Monday, just before the fire started, was -23° Celsius. By 8 a.m. Tuesday the mercury had plummeted to -34 C.

Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell was pleased with the way his department and the mutual aid crew from the Dysart Fire Department handled the situation. "All the guys did a really super job," he said.

The call was received by the Minden Fire Department at 8:26 p.m. and within a few minutes 20 firefighters and all the Minden trucks, including two pumpers, a tanker and the emergency vehicle were on site. A few minutes later, two Dysart fire trucks and 10 men arrived to assist.

The Stanhope Fire Department was on standby, covering for both the Dysart and Minden departments in case of another emergency.

Schell said the Dysart Fire Department was called immediately to assist. "We called them before we left the fire hall," he said.

"We had eight to 10 lines and two marauders going," Schell said. He explained that marauders are unmanned stationary nozzles fed by two 2 1/2-inch lines. They are directed at one spot and moved periodically to douse specific areas. "We went through an awful pile of water," Schell said.

It was several hours before the fire was brought under control and firefighters were on scene until mid afternoon Tuesday before the blaze was officially



Linda, John, Bonnie and Dave Pentney are thankful for the efficient work by the Minden and Dysart et al Fire Departments for restricting the fire to the one storage shed behind the Minden Home Hardware. Behind them you can see how close the fire came to the main store; rubble on the left, store on the right.

declared extinguished. Although the fire was well under control by Tuesday morning, the fire crew spent several hours extinguishing hot spots that flared up. An excavator was provided by Tom Prentice Construction to move debris so firefighters could get at the hot spots.

"Everything fell into place," Schell said. He expressed his appreciation to the OPP, EMS personnel, local businesses which provided food and hot coffee for the firefighters and the Pentneys, owners of the Home Hardware outlet for setting up a makeshift cafeteria in the store and allowing the firefighters the opportunity to get inside to warm up and get some sustenance.

After the first few hours, firefighters were able to work in shifts, with some going inside to warm up while others continued to battle the flames. The main objective was to keep the fire from spreading to the main building. Schell said the fact that there was snow on the roof helped save the store. Snow on the hill behind the building that burned may have also prevented the fire from spreading to the houses on top of the hill.

Ron Buchanan is a member of Minden Hills Council. He is the municipality's representative on the Fire Committee.

"I'm really proud of the boys," Buchanan said. He pointed out that, for

the younger firemen especially, it was a learning experience and everyone worked well as a team. "I was really impressed with the team effort and I was also impressed with the support of the local people for the firefighters."

Buchanan said the first several hours were the hardest on the firefighters. "It had to be the coldest night of the year," he said. "People came from all over, bringing pizza and coffee. They couldn't have done it without the coffee and food."

While firefighters were battling the blaze, OPP officers secured the scene and directed traffic. Dozens of carloads of curious onlookers assembled at parking areas nearby.

Ambulance personnel were at the scene in case anyone was injured. Buchanan, a retired OPP officer, said the whole complement of emergency personnel was well organized. "Everybody seemed to know exactly what they had to do," he said. "Everybody was tired, but nobody got to the point of exhaustion."

Bob English, manager of Haliburton

County Emergency Medical Services, was happy to report there were no injuries. He and two paramedics were at the scene overnight.

John Pentney is one of the owners of the Minden Home Hardware outlet. He was at Casino Rama when his daughter had him paged to let him know about the fire. He immediately returned to Minden and assisted family and staff members at the scene. He was grateful for the quick response of the Minden and Dysart fire departments and the support from other emergency personnel and the community.

"A situation like this demonstrates just how good our fire department is," Pentney said. "The community support has been phenomenal."

In spite of the fire, the Home Hardware store was open the next day and Pentney said that although a lot of stock and custom orders have been lost, it is as close to business as usual as is possible.

Initial estimates of damage were as high as a million dollars, and within a day or two had been pegged at \$750,000 or less. Pentney said further investigation seems to indicate the figure may be even lower. "The \$750,000 figure would be maximum," he said.

It was initially believed that all three of the company's delivery trucks had been lost. One was destroyed, but one was driven from the rubble and the other one may also be salvageable.

In the meantime, Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton has provided a truck for the Pentneys to use until they get theirs back in service. Emmerson knows how the Pentneys feel; his business suffered a devastating fire about a year ago.

John Pentney said he plans take the time to compose a thank-you letter, which he will submit to *The Times* for next week's edition. He is especially thankful that nobody was injured and that his employees are still able to come to work.

Police officials are asking anyone who has information regarding the fire to contact the Haliburton Highlands Detachment at 286-1431 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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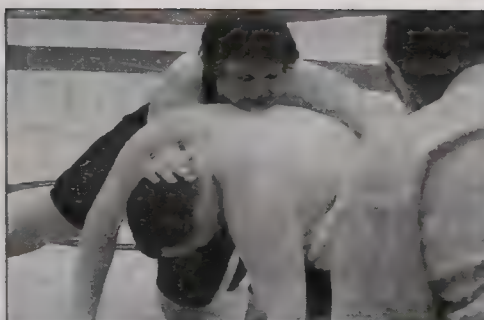


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HHSS sends contingent to COSSA. See below for details

Jr. boys advance to all-Ontario ski race

The HHSS Junior Boys Nordic team earned a berth in the OFSSA competition in Ottawa on Feb. 24 -25.

The team got the most points at last Wednesday's qualifying races in Haliburton. The win is even more impressive since Ryan Bottum, Max Creelman and Josh Mayhew are supposed to be in the midget category.

Novice boys

Shane Dibblee 2nd
Scott Griffith 3rd
Luke Mayhew 4th
Midget girls
Laura Stouffer 2nd

Junior boys

Sean Keaney 3rd
Ryan Bottum 4th
Max Creelman 6th
Josh Mayhew 7th
Myles Nicholson 11th
Mike Flowers 17th

Senior girls

Lesley Pearsell 10th
Andrea Lindenberg 12th

Senior boys

Josh Wales 11th
Kyle Thompson 12th

Wrestlers perform well at Kawarthas

The Red Hawk Wrestling team traveled to Lindsay on Wed February 12 to compete at the Kawartha Wrestling Championships. Team members have been training since the beginning of November to prepare for this tournament.

After six hours of high-calibre wrestling, 11 of the 17 Red Hawks placed in the top four of their weight category to qualified for the COSSA championships in Trenton on Feb 19. The top two COSSA wrestlers in each division will advance to compete at the Ontario championships March 2 - 5 in Sarnia.

All wrestlers performed extremely well last week. Coaches Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are extremely proud of the accomplishments of HHSS's newest team and look forward to continued success.

In the male division, 10 wrestlers represented HHSS. The results are:

Jeff Griffin 6th
Aaron Ketner 5th

Owen Schell 5th
Travis Barton 4th
Kyle Austin 3rd
Oleg Romanov 3rd
Jason Loughheed 2nd

All female wrestlers placed in the top three of their respective categories and will represent HHSS at COSSA. As a result, the Red Hawks Women's team placed second in Kawartha among 11 schools.

Melanie Howitt continued to wrestle well posting three wins and one loss to earn third rank. Abby Hageram and Kori Hissa each placed third as well, while Noelle Johnson placed second.

Amelia Ambridge, Ashley Cameron and Kira Fry lead the team as HHSS's first Kawartha Wrestling Champions.

Congratulations on these outstanding results.



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Minden's Sean Keaney gets ready to pass a competitor skiing up a hill in Glebe Park in last Wednesday's OFSSA-qualifying championships. His third-place finish helped earn the junior boys team a berth at the all-Ontario races this week in Ottawa.

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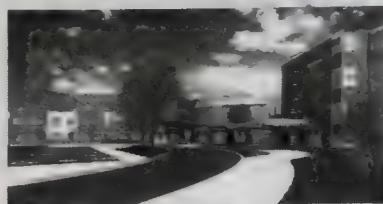
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CHACE the winner of tournament

Craig Smith held his annual Men's Hockey Tournament (formerly known as Darryl Walker Memorial Tournament) on February 7th, 8th & 9th at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre.

Twelve teams entered the tournament: Bugs Battalion, Dump Bears, Haliburton Ice Dogs, Hitch Hikers, Hounds, JAFT, Oshawa LEAR, PHAT Boyz, Raging Bisons, Richmond Hill, Spit Monkey and the War Pigs.

The arena was packed all weekend with fans cheering over some fast-paced hockey. 'D' Championship was won by Haliburton Ice Dogs who defeated the War Pigs. Dump Bears defeated Bugs Battalion to win the 'C' Championship. 'B' Champs were PHAT Boyz who defeated Richmond Hill.

The Oshawa LEAR team was put out by JAFT in the 'A' semi-finals so JAFT went on to play the Hounds for the 'A' Championship. Anyone who witnessed this game would agree these teams were evenly matched. The score was tied 1-1 at the end of the game so it went into sudden death overtime, losing a player every minute. After a full round of 5-on-5 to 1-on-1 there were still no goals so another round was played.

After pulling their goalie in the final 1-on-1, JAFT had the chance to put the puck past the Hounds' goalie making the final score 2 to 1.

Door fees raised \$442, which was donated to

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C.H.A.C.E. thanks Craig Smith for organizing the tournament and for his generous donation. Thanks also to Paul Perrault, Tammy and Donelda Smith for their help with the time-clock, Chad Cox with the time clock and moving the nets all weekend, the referees and Jamie Sutcliffe, Tina Anderson and Mary Longo for volunteering to run the door.

Huge THANKS to all the teams and fans. Without them this tournament couldn't happen.

Curlers make up for weather

Many Minden Curling Club teams will be making up games missed last week due to the terrible weather and road conditions. The make-up night is Wednesday March 12. If you are doing a make-up game then or at another time, remember you must write down the date, time and sheet for your make-up game on the board provided. Please notify the ice maker and your convener about alternate dates and times available. Your ice maker must be called ahead of time so your sheet can be prepared for you.

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The benefit spiel for the Health Services Foundation is this weekend so come and cheer on the teams as they play and raise money for the benefit of everyone.

Tuesday Night Men's
Ed Cyr Jr 10, Bill Roodenburg 2

All other games rescheduled due to weather conditions.

Thursday Night Mixed
Harvey Kivela 7, Rob Eaton 5
Jack Taylor 12, Ted Wilkes 2
Fred Simmons 11, Bruce Fisher 4

Peter McNeilage 10, Bill Roodenburg ?

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High triple: Scott
Moore 714; Cathy Snell
790

High triple (handi-

cap): Brian Morrison
775; Debbie Cox 706

Monday Night Mixed League (February 10)

High average: Scott
Moore 246; Cathy Snell
235

High single: Scott
Moore 422; Michelle
Moore 250

High single (handi-
cap): Doug Reinwald
309; Erin Moore 279

High triple: Scott
Moore 888; Cathy Snell
790

High triple (handi-
cap): Rick West 693;
Teresa Clement 653

Legion 636 Mixed League

(February 10)

High average: Bob
Vankoughnet 189; Pat
Roussel 148

High single: Bob
Vankoughnet 220; Vina
Dredge 244

High single (handi-
cap): Rob Evans 275;
Vina Dredge 311

High triple: John
Ritchie 556; Vina Dredge
578

High triple
(handicap): Rob Evans
726; Vina Dredge 799

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Tuesday Afternoon League

(February 11)

High average: Ken
Thompson 207; Mona
Benn 196

High single: Chris Hill
290; Jean Pugh 235

High single (handi-
cap): Chris Hill 314; Joan
Eyles 293

High triple: Chris Hill
666; Jean Pugh 583

High triple (handi-

Pugh 712

Wednesday Afternoon League

(February 12)

High average: Ken
Thompson 218; Mona Benn
195

High single: Ken
Thompson 305; Mona
Benn 229

High single (handi-
cap): Fred Phipps 270;
Diane Boll 257

High triple: Ken
Thompson 788; Mona
Benn 631

High triple (handi-
cap): Fred Phipps 737;
Mona Benn 706

Thursday Afternoon League

(February 13)

High average: Alf
Briscoe 297; Beverley
Alexander 184

High single: Alf
Briscoe 354; Barbara
Gamble 236

High single (handi-
cap): Alf Briscoe 374;
Barbara Gamble 306

High triple: Alf
Briscoe 892; Beverley
Alexander 554

High triple (handi-
cap): Alf Briscoe 952;
Barbara Gamble 743

Hockey playoff schedule

Midget AE vs Ennismore
Feb. 21 8:30 Haliburton
Feb. 23 4:30 Haliburton

Midget A vs Ennismore
Feb. 16 6:30 Minden
Feb. 22 7:30 Minden

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Feb. 23 11:00 Haliburton

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New Minden development focuses on retirement living

"Don't leave! Stay in Haliburton!" is the message being used to promote the new Highland Gate Community development in Minden.

Local realtors keep hearing of people who wish to reduce their workload and are looking for a retirement community. The retirees may wish to downsize their property or they may find that, if they

own a waterfront property, there are the increasing taxes especially on waterfront property. In order to find a retirement type of accommodation, they had to move out of the area, leaving their friends, their activities, affiliations, familiar surroundings and facilities, behind. There are many examples of such moves to Bobcaygeon, Nottawasaga, Port Hope to

name but a few - and the list goes on.

Highland Gate Community, is in Minden on land previously known as the Wright Farm, owned by Roy and Marjorie Windover and adjacent to the very successful Highland Gate Estate sub-division, overlooking the Gull River, and within walking distance to town.

While the new development will have many benefits for retirement living, families also enjoy this community with single homes available in future phases.

Ultimately the project is planned to consist of 199 units including town homes, single family homes, cluster home condominiums and apartments for those who might require some assistance in their living. The first phase of 26 units will include a model home to be constructed in the spring, plus town homes and single family homes.

The residences are designed so that all areas required for daily living are on one floor with all residences being serviced by town water and sewers. They will be built by Mark and Don Wilson of MVW Construction from Lindsay - a company that built Heritage Acres, Walnut Grove, Victoria Park and Briarwood apartments in Lindsay. Other projects include the Extendicare Long Term Care Facility and Retirement Home in Lindsay and the Natural resources Academic Wing at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay.

The residences vary from a modest one-bedroom cluster unit, to a large detached home complete with loft, basement and garage. All residences have a patio, full luxury kitchen laundry and storage. Added to this is the probability that there will be maintenance programs for the

properties. Ownership will be freehold.

The property off Deep Bay Road overlooks Gull River affording the new residents of Highland Gate community an ideal location-about one block from the hospital and close to shopping, churches, banks, restaurants, golf and the Curling Ring/Community Centre. In addition, the community will have its own clubhouse (presently the Windover home) on a beautiful setting which will provide opportunities for residents of this project to meet for a variety of social events.

Prices start at \$125,000 and will feature brick exterior, sodded lots, the latest energy efficient furnace, energy efficient double glazed windows, rough-in for dishwasher, broadloom and a gas fireplace in most units.

The project is being promoted by Coldwell Banker Wiley Real Estate in Minden with John Hincks, Associate Broker/Manager and Al Mayo, listing salespersons. "Although Coldwell Banker is taking the lead role in promoting this project, we very much encourage all local realtors and other organizations to get behind this excellent project," Hincks said. "This will be a huge benefit not only for those who become residents but also for Minden and all of Haliburton County."

"In our opinion, everything is there to make it a go; the need, the land, the services, the location, an excellent developer and contractor and the support," Mayo said.

There have been a number of people who have already made reservations for their Highland Gate property.

For more information visit the website: www.highlandgate.ca.

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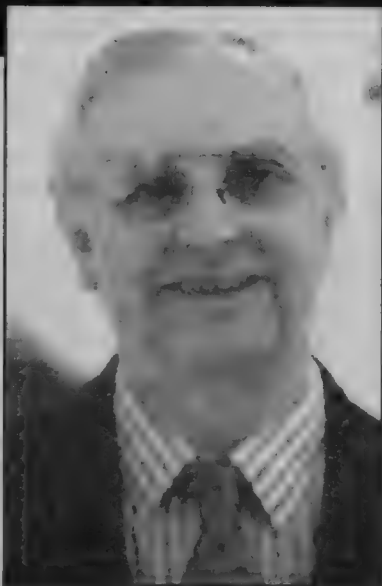
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Thursday, February 6 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Honours for most lone hands went to Theresa Deak for the ladies and Jim Bradbury for the men. Debbie Fisher and Tom Orr had the high scores, while Anne Baker and Ed Hisson had the evening's lows. Other prize winners were Kevin Maloney, Paul Dawson, Idella Gault, Norm Lee and Marie Dennie.

Friday, February 7 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Jean Dutka reports a good turnout for a great evening of cards, even with a shutout in the moonshot department. Jane Swick was first for the pinks at 260, followed by Olive Jones 242 and Helen Windsor a close 241. Garth Windsor took top spot for the white cards with 268, then it was Bev Swick 238 second and Alvin Cowen 231 third. Marj Coffey had the hidden score of 161.

Friday, February 7 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In north/south Don Mills and Bill Sandford were first with 65%, with Joan Galley partnered with Mike Collins second at 50%. East/west leaders were Muriel McIntosh and Pat Hannah 60%, followed by Norma Crewson and Vic Mathews 55%.

Saturday, February 8 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: In first place with 283 was Elli Langpohl, then in second spot Barb Robitaille 266. Hidden score holders were Chris Clarke, Pat Scadden and Ruth Kellett, while the

moonshots were recorded by Isobel Cherwenka and Pat Scadden.

Monday, February 10 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For most lone hands it was our reporter Katie Parker for the ladies and Don Hicks for the gents. In the high score department it was Gala Stamp and Jack Chilton, while the draws were won by Marion Stickwood and Dean Chambers.

Monday, February 10 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Garth and Helen Windsor were in the winner's circle, with Garth holding the most lone hands and Helen with the ladies high score. Marion Farr took top spot representing the gents while the low scores were another family affair going to Jean and Harry Randell. Barb Robitaille took home the "baloney" which Ken Wallace explained is the first lone hand in the last game.

Monday, February 10 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Idella Gault reports that Gala Stamp took the high score and Pearl Cowen the low. For lone hands it was Iris Taylor while Loyas Henderson won the special prize.

Monday, February 10 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Edith Burch, with Gwen Cox second. Draw prize winners were Jean Scadden, Anne Baker and Esther Lee. Thanks to Maxine Cross for this update.

Monday, February 10 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: In first place was Pat Scadden, with Eileen Shepstone second. Moonshots landed on Elli Langpohl, Marg Viney and Mildred St. Thomas, while Esther Lee and Jim Corbett won the special draws.

Tuesday, February 11 contract bridge

at Stanhope: Two slams were recorded by the duos of Gloria Moore and Wynne Hansen along with Pearl Foster and Frank Schlotter. The top scoring quartet leader was Bill Sandford 6030, followed by Stella McMillan 5390, June Branning 4980 and Frank Schlotter 4960. Len McNeice was the lucky draw winner while Bill Sandford took home the prestigious "BOBBB" Award. Remember "Beware of Big Bad Bob."

Tuesday, February 11 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Leading the top scoring trio was Georgina Parkes, followed by Kevin Maloney and Bill Van Dyke. Moonshots landed on Elli Langpohl, Margaret Fletcher and Kevin Maloney, while Howard Smith, Milton Fletcher and Idella Gault held the hidden scores. Birthday greetings were extended to Kevin Maloney, Len Kroes and Jack Chilton.

Tuesday, February 11 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club mixed shuffleboard: Teaming up for first place with 309 points were Syd Lockhart and Helen Skelding. Betty Lockhart and Shirley Alderton were second at 292, then Beverley Alexander partnered with Marj

Hamilton third at 240. The afternoon's low of 83 points was recorded by Bob Alexander, who, along with Verna Sawyer. Belle Walker received good wishes for her birthday from everyone present.

Tuesday, February 11 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports that on this evening the men outnumbered the ladies so for high scores it was Ted Wilkins for the gents and Don Hicks representing the ladies. Low scores went to George Bartley and Inge Walters and Chris Hill held the most lone hands. Barb Carpenter won the special draw and Inge Walters the Valentine draw prize. Get well wishes are sent out to Hazel Benetin from her many friends.

Wednesday, February 12 bid euchre at Stanhope: Eleven moonshots showered down with singles for Bill Milford, Gala Stamp, Peter Farr, Bob McConnell, Len Kroes, Marg Fletcher, Don Burch, Norm Lee, Pat Scadden and two for Barb Robitaille. Sharon Evans led the pinks with 287, then Edith Burch 278 and Willie Cox 254. Top spot for the white cards went to Stan Dutka 299, followed by Norm Lee 290 and Pat Scadden 272.

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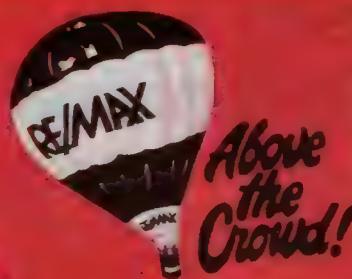
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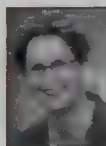
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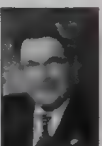
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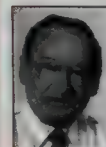
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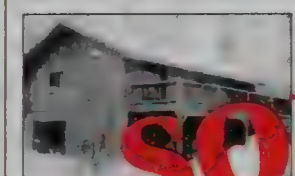
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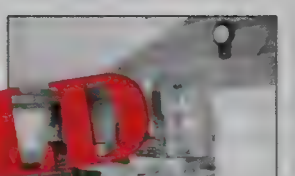
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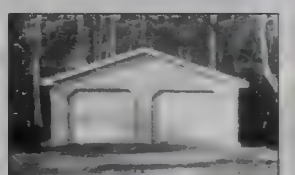
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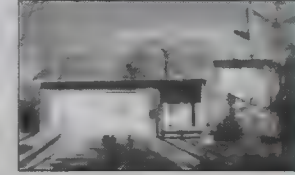
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The response deadline for the County of Haliburton Request for Information for a County Wide Broadband Digital Network has been extended from February 28th, 2003 until Friday, March 21st, 2003 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Gary King, CAO
County of Haliburton
Administration Office
11 Newcastle Street, Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone (705) 286-1333



County of Haliburton
Box 880,
3 St. Germaine Street at Newcastle
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT OWNERS

Truck Registration Forms for Tandems and Tri-Axies are now available at the County Roads Department for the 2003 Construction Season.

Equipment for Hire Forms are also available at the County Roads Department.

Forms to be returned by Tuesday, March 11, 2003
2:00 p.m. local time



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton, that Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for special legislation stating that the *Homes for the Aged and rest Homes Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.13, as amended*, does not apply to the Corporation of the County of Haliburton.

This Application will be considered by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. Any person who has an interest in the Application and who wishes to make submissions for or against the Application, to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

DATED at the County of Haliburton this 3rd day of February, 2003.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

Per: Gary King
Chief Administrative Officer



Help us establish priorities for our Strategic Plan

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has embarked on a Strategic Planning process. The purpose of this exercise is to provide direction for the corporation over the next five to ten years for our Hospital Services.

The Strategic Planning process has involved numerous focus groups with HHHS staff members, consumers, members of the general public and the HHHS Foundation. The corporation also hosted an all day retreat which included members of the board of directors, managers, representatives of affiliated health service agencies in the community, municipal political representatives and the public. This retreat was managed by the Change Foundation through the Ontario Hospital Association.

There are still a number of groups to be contacted, however, that work is expected to be completed soon so that a report can be prepared for consideration by the board, the staff and the public. While it has been said that the Strategic Planning process never really ends, and it is expected that the goals will be under constant review, a final report summarizing the details gathered in this initial phase will be prepared for early spring.

HHHS invites the public to contribute to the Strategic Planning process. Please use the space below to record your thoughts on the directions you think the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation and its various programs should be taking.

There is no need to identify yourself, although feel free to do so. Knowing who has contributed the ideas could also assist us if we need to clarify your ideas.

Also included below is a list of the priorities which have been identified in discussions so far. These may not reflect your concerns so please feel free to list the issues you feel are most important the corporation in the next five to ten years. If you wish to comment on the priorities listed, please do so. Once you have completed the form, (use extra pages if you wish), simply mail it to:

Strategic Plan, c/o Connie Wood
HHHS, Box 115, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0
or
HHHS, Box 30, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0
or leave your comments at the HHHS
business offices in Minden or Haliburton

Thank you for taking the time to think about the future of HHHS and sharing your thoughts with the strategic planning committee. Watch for the committee's report in early spring.

Priorities identified so far:

- 1. Information Technology:** To create a more efficient, responsive health care organization the corporation needs to have modern, reliable computer systems. HHHS must dedicate resources to creating a modern, electronic infrastructure within all its service areas.
- 2. Recruitment and Retention of Health Professionals:** With the growing number of shortages in all health disciplines it is imperative that HHHS make a concerted effort to ensure we have the professional staff to meet our community's expectations.
- 3. Facility Efficiencies:** Operating multi-faceted, integrated health facilities presents challenges in allocating resources to obtain maximum return. HHHS must constantly strive to get maximum benefit from the resources at its disposal while meeting the needs of our community.
- 4. Lack of Funding:** Ministry of Health studies show that HHHS continues to be under-funded. To meet the needs of our community an effort must be made to ensure the disparity is eliminated.
- 5. Other challenges mentioned include:** (a) More demand for services; (b) Our aging population; (c) Communication both internal and external; (d) More regional alliances and partnerships; and (e) Improve operational efficiencies.

Use this space (and additional pages if required) to record your comments. If you have any questions about the Strategic Planning Process, please contact Connie Wood at 457-1392 Ext 245 or 286-2140 Ext. 243.

Survey on healthcare will address local issues

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation, in partnership with Trent University's affiliate U-Links office in Minden, has undertaken a project to identify gaps in the community's health resources. The survey will be conducted by Trent University nursing student Daniel Clydesdale.

Commencing Feb. 17 and continuing for the next few weeks, a survey inquiring about local healthcare will be conducted by telephone.

"The questions will centre on usage, awareness, and effectiveness of the health care resources in this service area. I will also be inquiring about the current shortage of doctors, as well as barriers that may prevent residents from accessing a particular health service," said Clydesdale.

Approximately 100 people throughout the Haliburton Highlands Health Services catchment area will be contacted on a random basis to take part in this 10-minute survey. Those contacted won't be under any obligation to participate.

No names or any personal information will be required for the questionnaire. Selection of participants is random.

"I know some people

find telephone surveys intrusive, but the purpose of this study is to assess the services provided by HHHS," says HHHS's CEO Keith Sansford. "I hope that those who have the time will co-operate

The outcome of the survey will assist us in planning the future of health care in the Highlands."

This survey will be part of an ongoing consultation process with residents of the HHHS service area.



THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

requires an

ENGINEERING ASSISTANT - SURVEYS AND DESIGN

The County of Haliburton is accepting applications for the staff position of Engineering Assistant - Surveys and Design

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Reporting to the Engineering Services Manager, the Engineering Assistant will be responsible for obtaining field information for the preparation of base plans for construction projects, carrying out road design to County and Provincial standards, preparing construction cost estimates, provide field layout for County construction staff and search public records to determine property ownership or other pertinent information.

Other responsibilities and duties may be as assigned. A full job description may be obtained by contacting the Engineering Services Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A Certified Engineering Technologist with a minimum ten years experience, with direct experience in field surveys, design and construction of municipal roads and bridges.

Ability to interact and communicate effectively with staff with in the organization, contractors, the Public and elected officials.

A working knowledge of Microsoft Office and AutoCAD (R14) is required.

Preference will be given to applicants with AutoCAD LDD (survey and design software), Total Station and G.I.S. experience.

COMPENSATION:

The position is unionized and subject to the current CUPE Agreement. The position is also subject to a 40 hour work week with an hourly pay rate of \$20.29 starting January 1, 2003.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a detailed resume and cover letter no later than **March 7, 2003** to:

Roy L. Haig, C.E.T.
Engineering Services Manager
P.O. Box 880,
3 St. Germaine Street
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
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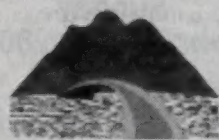
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- **Kinmount Artisan Market Place** - The City of Kawartha Lakes has scheduled upgrading to our facility, effective immediately. Thus, the Market Place will be closed for several weeks. Please join us on Saturday, March 1st, at our Grand Re-opening, for a coffee and a chat, to view our "bigger & better" shop. Our Artisans will look forward to seeing you there!
- **Looking for Team Leaders!** To help to improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injury. Organize a Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event on Saturday, June 14th, 2003 for Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation. Contact: Sandee Mann, 1-800-213-2131, www.rickhansen.com.
- **CLIMAX Climbing Club** every Tuesday at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** has arrived in Haliburton. Please join us at The Home Support Drop-In Centre (behind the Home Hardware). Every Wednesday - Weigh in at 10 a.m. followed by a short meeting. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464.
- **Join the Walking Club**, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Every Thursday:** 12 noon Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club weekly luncheon at Haliburton Legion. Join us for good food, fun and fellowship.
- **Guided Meditation** Sunday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Trinity Centre located at The Hair Lounge in Camarvon.
- **Volunteers Needed** for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- **Haliburton County Home Support's** trip to Mamma Mia on April 23 is now full. We are taking bookings for a second trip to Mamma Mia on Saturday, May 24. Please call Sheri for more information at 457-2941, or Adele at 448-2838.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has an ongoing Treasure Table in the Drop in Center. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table...please no clothing. Fore more info call 705-457-2941.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **February 7 to April 11:** Yoga with Pat Stegmaier at the Dorset Rec Centre. Fridays 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Registration required, call 766-9968 in at the Rec Centre. Please bring a blanket. Also, bring your yoga mat if you have one.
- **February 18:** Association of Ireland's Own calls all those living in the City of Kawartha Lakes who have an Irish Connection to join us at 7 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club, 107 Lindsay Street South, Lindsay. Enjoy a social time and meet new friends. For further information call 705-438-5313.
- **February 19:** DivorceCare Recovery seminar and Support Group. Meets at Lakeside baptist Church in Haliburton on Wednesdays, beginning February 19th, starting at 7 p.m. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing Your Anger", "Facing Your Loneliness", "Depression", "New Relationships", "Kidcare" and "Forgiveness". For more information or to register, please call Lakeside Tuesdays to Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 457-2851.
- **February 19:** Women's Institute of Minden invite you to our meeting to be held at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 1:30 p.m. Our subject will be business. We look forward with anticipation as we will have the owner of a local Bed & Breakfast coming to speak to us.
- **February 20:** Haliburton 50+ Club welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our next meeting. This is a smoke free environment, this month we will have a guest speaker and our annual book sale. Please bring any good books that others may enjoy. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members and guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tuesday, February 18th. Call 754-3319.
- **February 21:** Join Home Support for a fun filled afternoon of Cribbage every Friday in our Drop in Centre located in the Halco Plaza. Cribbage begins at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more information.
- **February 22: Kicksledding.** The Scandinavian kicksled has been used for hundreds of years. Rediscover a sport that is one part functional transportation - three parts wicked fun. You won't be disappointed. held at YMCA Camp Wanakita. For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network at (705) 286-1760 or 1-800-461-7677 or e-mail at info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **February 24:** Learn how to make homemade playdough at the C.H.A.C.E. Family Resource Centre (Minden) at 11 a.m. Everyone gets a bag to take home! Call 286-1770 for more information.
- **February 27:** Notice of Annual General Meeting: Friends of St. Stephen's Heritage Church (Boskung) Inc. Stanhope Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. All welcome!
- **February 28:** Alzheimer Society Family /Caregiver Group held at 1:00 p.m. at the Kinmount and District Health Centre. Open group. A portable library is also available in your area for home viewing.
- **March 1:** Winter Camping and Travel Safety Skills. Learn to stay warm, dry and safe whether day-tripping or overnight camping in the winter months. Hone your skills with a trek through the forest in search of that perfect campsite to try your hand at building various types of winter shelters, collecting firewood and cooking on an open campfire. For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network at (705) 286-1760 or 1-800-461-7677 or e-mail at info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **March 1:** Ice Fishing Derby at Salerno Lake, Irondale. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Irondale Community Center. The Organizers promote "Live Release" All MNR Regulations Apply. Live Bait, Supplies, BBQ & Refreshments Available at Registration. For more information contact: Barry at 447-2380, Sabine at 447-2313 or Bonnie at 447-2890 or email: communitycenter@irondalebiz.com
- **March 4:** Pancakes, sausages & toppings at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by St. Margarets Church. Call for more information.
- **March 6:** An Invitation to the Community: Alpha is here, at St. James Anglican Church in Kinmount. An opportunity to explore the meaning of life. A ten week course over the lunch hour, beginning March 6, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Video presentation by Niki Gumble followed by interesting discussions. For more information and registration please call the Parish of Minden-Kinmount at 286-2541.
- **March 10 to 14:** For fun in the theatre come to Kawartha Lakes Summer Playhouse March break Theatre Arts Camp! It will run from March 10 to 14, 2003. The times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. For registration please call (705) 324-9411 ext. 301 or 204. Call soon we are limited to 30 children.
- **Free Internet & Computer Lessons.** Call to book your appointment with Adam Jones, our Community Access Program Internet Facilitator. Adam is in most evenings between 5 and 9 p.m. but an appointment is required to guarantee a lesson. Please call 766-9968. Dorset Recreation Centre.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



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Due to promotions from within the organization the Township of Minden Hills is seeking a

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- The position is based on a 35 hour work week.
- The successful candidate must:
 - Have a solid knowledge of and a skill base in clerical functions and the processing of payments.
 - Be able to demonstrate excellent public relations, communication and computer skills.
- A minimum of 1 year experience in a related position is required and experience within a municipal setting would be an asset.
- A complete Position Description is available upon request.

Rate of Pay: The starting hourly rate shall be \$12.95, and upon successful completion of the 6 month probationary period, the rate shall be increased to \$15.24 per hour, in accordance with the Collective Agreement with CUPE, Local 4286.

Qualified parties are invited to submit their resumes, in confidence, to the Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mary Jane Irwin, Treasurer. Facsimile: (705) 286-4917. E-mail: mjiwin@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Envelopes should be clearly marked, "General Receptionist/Receipting Clerk" and submitted prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2003.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS GOLF Course is now accepting resumes from responsible individuals for the following positions: landscaper/Greenskeeper, Proshop Personnel and Rangers for the 2003 season. We are seeking enthusiastic, self-motivated team players with outgoing personalities who are anxious to grow with our company. Must be customer service oriented, organized with the ability to multi task. Landscaper/Greenskeeper must have prior experience, all other positions experience would be an asset. Forward resume with cover letter to Haliburton Highlands Golf Course, RR2, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0, Attn: Dale Bull, by fax: 705-457-3225 or email: dbull@geogrp.com

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HALIBURTON'S LARGEST RESORT Development - Wigamog Villas, is accepting resumes from responsible individuals for positions within our Marketing Department. We are seeking enthusiastic, self-motivated team players with high energy and outgoing personalities. Must be detail oriented, organized with the ability to multi task. Exceptional phone mannerism and computer skills also a must. Sales or Marketing experience an asset. Forward resume with cover letter to The Wigamog Villas, RR2, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0, Attn: Dale Bull, by fax: 705-457-3225 or email: dbull@geogrp.com

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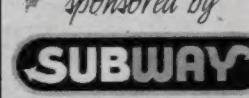
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FARR: Sarah is happy to announce the safe arrival of her little brother,

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SISSON: Jesse James is please to announce the safe arrival of his brother, Baby Jake,

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THANK YOU TO everyone who made the 1st Annual Curling Bonspiel for the Cultural Centre Foundation a great success. **Fred & Carol.**

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THE FAMILY OF David Skinner would like to thank so many members of the community who helped us over a difficult time: Ambulance drivers Don and Paul who came quickly. Dr. Bottum who admitted Dave to hospital, Dr. Ferracuti who made sure he was comfortable and the Nursing Staff who provided exceptional care; Kirsten and Barry who assisted in so many ways; George, Larry and Ralph who made great speeches; RCL Branch 636 for organizing the reception; Mike Newell for fixing our phone, Larry and Molly McKenzie for taking care of Suzy, Dwain Wruth for looking after the mail, Barb Flinn for watering the plants, and the neighbours who brought food. We are so grateful for all your help. **Marguerite, Leann, Jo-Ann, Mary Jane and Russell.**

TO THE PERSON who found my wallet and left it at the Legion - Thank you. It's nice to know there are still honest people in the world. **Cliff Green.**

WRUTH: MY SINCERE thanks to family, relatives, friends and neighbours for acts of kindness, offers of help, food, floral arrangements and Memorial Donations in Murrys name. To Dr. Coles and staff, the Emergency and Acute Care, the Ambulance attendants who during the storm went beyond the call of duty to bring Murray Home to Haliburton from Orillia. To Homecare and our niece Rhonda, with their help Murray could be at home. To Barry and Kirstin for the funeral arrangements. To Gordon for the service and kind words and the Lochlin United Church for the luncheon. I appreciated it all and will remember. **Ruth** Finally our children and their spouses who were and are always there to help, guide and comfort me. Dad would be so proud. **Love you all - Mom.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

HUGHES - In loving memory of our brother, mother and father who all passed away in February. James Blake Hughes (Feb. 7, 2000); Bertha Elizabeth Hughes (Feb. 24, 2000); Robert James (Bob) Hughes (Feb. 14, 1991).

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460 OBITUARIES

ATMAN, Peter passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, Ontario February 8, 2003. He was the dearly loved husband of Maisie (1970) and Gladys Atman. Loving father of Gail (Mrs. Ron Pillsworth), Craig (Jenny), David (Lynda). He was the grandfather of eight children and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Atman was a resident of Bear Lake and Mountain Lake for many years and was a member of the Pine-Stone Golf and Country Club and enjoyed all the area golf courses. Peter Atman's funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Mackey Funeral Home in Lindsay with Funeral service held on Wednesday, February 12, 2002 at 1:30 pm interment at Riverside Cemetery in Lindsay. **CA**

460 OBITUARIES

CHRISTIAN, ISABEL Passed away peacefully at Aurora Rest Haven on Monday, February 10, 2003. In her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of the late George A. Christian. Dear mother of Helen and Stan Byrne, Janet and Morley Smith, Lenor and Ted Fulton. Loving grandmother of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister of Helen Sinclair of Oshawa and predeceased by brothers Bill and James Cormack. Friends were invited to a Funeral Service at the Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St., Aurora on Friday, February 14, 2003 at 11:00 am. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777). **CA**

HALLIDAY, BLANCHE (Resident of R.R.1, Kirkfield, Ontario): At Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Monday morning, February 10, 2003 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late Fred Halliday. Loving mother of Lynda (Mrs. Fred Tufts) and Joan (Mrs. Fred LaPointe) both of R.R. #1 Kirkfield. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jeff and Dani. Survived by her brother John Curl. Predeceased by her brother Roy. The family received friends at the Coboconk Community Funeral Home Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Wednesday afternoon, February 12, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Services were held in the Chapel on Thursday Afternoon, February 13, 2003 at 1 o'clock. Interment later Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

KYDD, Florence Lillian (Flo) Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 in her 88th year.

Dearly loved wife of the late Eugene (Bob) Kydd, much loved mother of Yvonne and her husband Steve Manol. Cherished Nana of Cathy and Pete Buren and Penny and Steve Manol. Loving great-Nana of Sara and Rachel Manol and Tahne and Shawna Buren. Dearly loved sister of Evelyn (Ciss) Macklem, Jean (Babs) Taylor and the late Bill Harlow. Dear sister-in-law of Isabel (Fielding) Harlow, Al Taylor and the late Gord Macklem. Flo spent 51, and Bob 43, happy years cottaging on the Ingoldsby Narrows in their beloved highlands. The Manol family wish to thank the HHHS for all the care and compassion given to Flo and Bob when they were in need. If you wish donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated.

THAIN, LETTY (Resident of Harcourt Park & Wilberforce, Ontario): At her residence in Wilberforce, Ontario on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, in her 75th year. Beloved wife of the late Ralph (Mike) Thain (1992). Loving mother of Michele (Mrs. Jeff Loucks) of Abbotsford, B.C. and daughter of the late Jim and Maggie McNinch. Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario, (705) 457-9209, on Monday morning, February 17, 2003, from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Then to the Chapel at Highland Memory Gardens, 33 Highland Memory Gardens, Willowdale (416) 493-9580 on Tuesday morning, February 18, 2003 at 11 o'clock for a brief service followed by interment. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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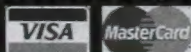
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